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Short Christmas Stories For Young and Old



Edmund
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NOEL! NOEL!

Thus sounds each Christmas bell.

Across the winter snow.

But what are the little footprints all
 That mark the path from the churchyard wall?
 They are those of the children who, tonight
 From sleep by the Christmas bells and light
 Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!
 Their beds are under the snow.

Noel! Noel!

Carols each Christmas bell

What are the writhings of mist

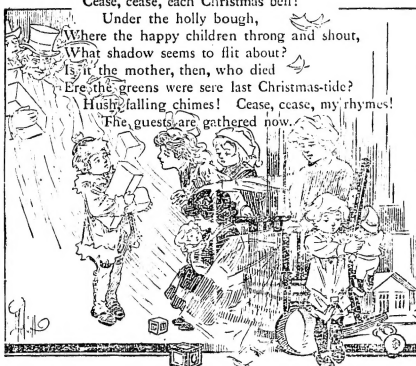
That gather near the window-pane
 Where the winter frost all day has lain?
 They are soulless elves, who vain would peer
 Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer!
 Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!
 They are made of the mocking mist

Noel! Noel!

Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!

Under the holly bough,

Where the happy children throng and shout,
 What shadow seems to flit about?
 Is it the mother, then, who died
 Ere the greens were set last Christmas-tide?
 Hush! falling chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!
 The guests are gathered now.



Christmas Customs.



It is interesting to trace the origin of the festival customs to those connected with Druidical superstitions of the Celtic peoples, and it will surprise many to learn that the present-day sports very closely resemble the celebrations observed of old in honor of Saturn or Bacchus.

The Roman Saturnalia, which occurred in the winter solstice, were a season of great festivity and rejoicing, honored by many privileges and exemptions. The spirit of gaiety had free charge, and even slaves were suspended, to be resumed after the holidays.

As a manifestation of the gratitude felt at the renewed prospects of the returning march of the sun, gifts were exchanged and special hymns were sung. These latter were really the Roman representatives of the modern carol.

At the Saturnalia the Roman feasted, sang and danced, as we do at Christmas. A ruler or king was appointed, who enjoyed certain prerogatives. He presided over the sports of the season. Probably he is the ancestor of the lord of misrule, who exercised a similar power in more recent times.

Merriment was a matter of general concern, and the joyous spirit of entire abstinence is now narrowed to family parties.

It is the touch that makes the whole world kin, and it is a pleasant reminder that, after all, history repeats itself.

Not Blessed.

The presents you forgot to give to others who don't forget to give to you are not so blessed.

The Spirit of Christmas.



There is hardly a festival in the calendar which has such a hold on the hearts of the people as Christmas Day. The ring of the car bells and the voices upon the streets seem to take on a more cheery tone, and the spirit of the time seems to throw a gleam over places and things which ordinarily are devoid of all homogeneity.

As it is with places, so it is with people. They, too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellows. The most interesting stories of Christmaside are those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

The Christmas Spirit.

But don't you see that there is a Santa Claus? He isn't a man in a fur coat, and a reindeer sleigh and all that, but he is the Spirit of Christmas, isn't he? They're so confident that and made a coin, of him and invented legends about him for the children, but when we're no longer children and don't believe in him, we still have that Christmas spirit—and it's that that gives presents and makes us feel toward one another, and makes Christmas what it is.—Harvey J. O'Higgins.

Santa Claus' Treasure Box

By J. F. HENDERSON



CHRISTMAS was at hand, and Philip Draper's heart was heavy. For a number of years he had seemed to be the particular pet of misfortune. As an artist, he had failed in his work; as a man, he had failed in his life; and he was in a fair way to achieve one more and worldly success when the first of a series of calamities befell him. Soon after Philip's marriage to pretty Lucille Grant, he had been taken into partnership with his father and whose outlook on the future was bright with the color of the rose was crushed by this blow; but with a quick sense of duty he set himself the tremendous task of paying off the debts of the firm. To accomplish this he had nothing to depend upon but the sale of his pictures; yet year in and year out, he toiled on stubbornly and uncompromisingly, while he and Lucille and



their little boy were deprived of many of the comforts of life that the bulk of his earnings might go to his creditors. The house in which they lived was a rosy old mansion on the outskirts of the city, left to Philip by a maiden aunt, who had passed away since the death of his father, and which Lucille had persuaded him not to sell. This house, by the way, had originally belonged to an eccentric old sea captain, Jeremiah Suggs by name, who was reputed to be something of a miser, and who lived and died a recluse.

The crowning calamity came to Philip Draper when the debt was all but cleared off. It was then he was overtaken by a wasting illness, which kept him confined to his bed for almost a year, and leaving him destitute. The butcher and the baker threatened to deny him further credit, and his home was heavily mortgaged. The outlook was gloomy. "And tomorrow is Christmas," he remarked to his wife, with a grim smile. "Never mind, dear; let us hold fast to our courage," said Mrs. Draper, trying to speak cheerfully, though there was an ominous quaver in her voice.

"What hurts me most is the thought that Christmas is fast at hand and that there will be no Santa Claus for Bobby."

"Poor, little dear!" said Mrs. Draper. Suddenly she started up with an anxious glance about the room. "I wonder where that child can be? I haven't seen him for at least two hours."

"Oh, don't be alarmed. I am sure he is running about in the cellar or attic or some out-of-the-way closet, and is wholly absorbed in his investigation."

Mr. Draper had hardly finished speaking when Bobby popped into the room, held out a shiny little fist, and, as he opened the chubby fingers, revealed a twenty-dollar gold piece lying on his upturned palm.

"Money!" ejaculated Philip. He snatched the coin and examined it critically. "Where did you get this? What does it mean?"

"I found it in the attic!" explained Bobby. "There are lots more there. Come on, I'll show you where."

The next moment the father and mother, each grasping a hand of the frightened youngster, were hastening up the stairs. When they reached the attic the whole astounding truth was laid bare to them. Bobby had been rummaging, as usual, finding a loose brick in the crumbling masonry of the big chimney, he had pulled it out and made a startling discovery.

"I wanted to find out how Santa Claus comes down the chimney," said the boy, regretfully. "I didn't mean to do any harm."

An exclamation from his father interrupted him. Philip, tearing away the bricks to enlarge the opening, had thrust his arm into the cavity and drawn forth two small boxes, accompanied by a shower of yellow coins. Among them was a scrap of paper on which was written:

"I have bricks, no kith nor kin. This property goes to the finder, and may he enjoy it. It consists of \$20,000 in gold and government bonds, and is left this amount in gold."

"JEREMIAH SUGGS."

Bobby was the hero of the hour, and the rejoicing that followed may better be imagined than described. Was it a merry Christmas for the Drapers? Ask Bobby, who firmly believes he found Santa Claus' treasure box.

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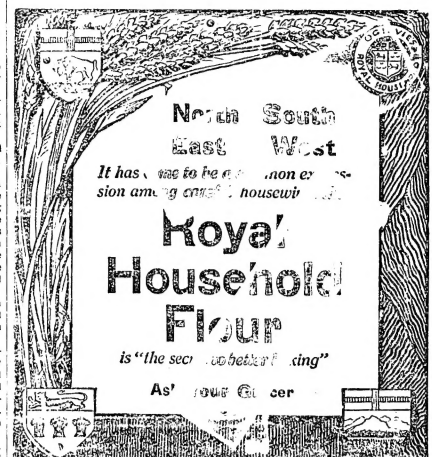
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Our Bean Guessing Competition closed as advertised on Saturday night. There were 4,233 beans in the jar. The prizes and winners are as follows:

1st Prize—1 ton of Galt coal, value \$7.50—P. Pidgeon
2nd Prize—1 load of Wood, value \$3.50—Mrs. Coultsworth
3rd Prize—1 load of Wood, value \$2.00—Chief Anderson
to whom the prizes have been delivered.

To all our customers and others we wish A Merry Xmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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The Coal Man

We wish all our customers

A Merry Christmas

AND

A Happy New Year

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RED DEER - ALTA.

S.O.E. Elect Officers

Lodge Red Deer, of the S. O. E. B. S., held a very successful meeting on Wednesday last, December 17th. A good muster of members turned out, and a large amount of business was gone through. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the principal business, and had been left over from last meeting, owing to so many members not being able to attend because of the ratepayers' meeting being held on the same night. The following officers were elected:

President—Bro. R. E. Fiske.
Past President—Bro. W. H. Hadley.
Vice-President—Bro. J. Halstead.
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. C. W. G. Moore.
Fin. Secretary—Bro. S. P. P. P.
Rec. Secretary—Bro. A. Clarke.
Treasurer—Bro. L. P. Page.
1st Committeeman—Bro. B. Plumb.
2nd Committeeman—Bro. A. B. Nash.
3rd Committeeman—Bro. R. P. Tramp.
4th Committeeman—Bro. S. Millman.
Inner Guard—Bro. D. White.
Outer Guard—Bro. Mallory.
Delegate to Grand Lodge—Bro. R. E. Fiske.
Surgeon—Bro. Dr. George.

Home Coming and Birthday Celebration

At Diamond Valley Ranch

The home of Dad Lighthouse, at the Diamond Valley Ranch, on Friday last, was the scene of much gaiety and enjoyment. The occasion was the home coming and birthday of his daughter from Dakota, U.S.A. One hundred and forty-seven friends of the family from the neighborhood of Innisfail, Leslieville, Pitco, Eekville and the Raven put in an appearance to the supper and dance. The house was tastefully decorated, the supper of the best quality and quantity, and the music for the dancing, furnished by the Lighthouse Bros. and Mr. Scherman, consisting of piano, violin and harp, was enjoyed to the fullest extent. The evening was one not to be forgotten, and there was no room for Carrie Nation, as it was strictly temperance.

Ladies' Curling Club

OFFICERS.

Hon. Pres.—Mrs. George Lindsay.
President—Mrs. J. C. Moore.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. Cottingham.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Plaxton.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. George Best.
Executive Committee—Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. Mann and Miss Smith.

SKIPS AND RINKS.

Mrs. J. C. Moore, skip, Miss Ebert, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. King, Mrs. Lindsay, skip, Mrs. Kreer, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Mann, skip, Mrs. Cottingham, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Day, Mrs. L. Smith, skip, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. McEwan, skip, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. H. Clarke, Mrs. Wolivar.

Mrs. Rutherford, skip, Mrs. A. R. Gibson, Mrs. Pidgeon, Mrs. Howlett. The ladies will play competition games on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and Friday as a general practice day. Tuesdays at 3.30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 3 p.m.

The competition games will start the first Saturday in the new year.

Christmas Tree At St. Joseph's Convent

The annual Christmas tree and concert was held in St. Joseph's Convent on Friday evening last at 7.30, the school room being packed to its utmost limit. The concert consisted of songs, instrumental selections, dialogues and recitations. Among the guests were Mayor Galbraith, Reeve Kent, Inspector Boyce, and H. C. Denyer. The work of the scholars reflects great credit on the teachers, all the items being well rendered. The following programme was carried out:

"Ring, Ye Bells," Chorus;
"Christmas Candles," Drill.
"Simple Ave. Thome,"—M. Richards.
"Four Years"—S. Charlie.
"The Rosary"—G. Sherman.
"Christmas Candles," Drill.
"Simple Ave. Thome,"—M. Richards.
Spanish Dance, Moskowski—G. Gover.
"The Rat in a Basket,"—A. Campbell and G. Sherman.
Noel d'enfant—M. Richards.
Waltz, Shuloff—G. Sherman.
"Dolly's Doctor"—E. Miquelon and N. Olivier.
Stairs-Drill.
Noel de Bratons—C. Randon.
Carol of the Fir Tree—M. O'Connor.
Solo, Ora Pro Nobis, P.E. Kent; encore, The Blind Boy.

EDWELL LOCAL UNION U.F.A.

The annual general meeting of this local union will be held on Monday, December 29th, 1913, at 7.30 p.m. in the schoolhouse, when it is requested that every member will make a special effort to attend to elect officers for the ensuing year and appoint delegates to attend the forthcoming convention at Lethbridge, and other business.

William H. Cottingham Passes Away

DOMINION LAND AGENT FOR MANY YEARS

Captain William Henry Cottingham, Dominion Lands Agent at Red Deer, after an illness of a little over two months, passed to his long rest on Sunday morning last, aged seventy years.

He was the son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel William Ward Cottingham, who emigrated from Belfast, Ireland, to Ontario, and was one of the pioneers of the county of Victoria, where he built the first mills erected in the country, and also carried on an extensive trade in furs with the Indians. This home was first called "Williamstown" after its founder, but he subsequently gave it the Indian name "Omeme," which signifies "the dove," and it was here that the deceased was born.

The career of Captain Cottingham has been one of activity, full of incidents and results, and in every sphere of life in which he has been called upon to move, he has made an indelible impression. His devotion to duty which has ever marked his career, and his genial personality, has made him a general favorite, as is amply proved by the valuable souvenirs of appreciation presented to him by his fellow citizens. Every community within which it has been his lot to reside for any length of time, and which have been fondly cherished by him. He was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto, having as school mates the late Hon. T. Mayne Daly, the late Lieutenant-Colonel Buchanan, the late Herbert Hammond, and many others, who have helped to make Canadian history, and between whom and himself the feelings of more than friendship commenced in their college days, never have abated. He graduated in 1861, when he took charge of his father's interests which had, by that time, attained large proportions. He became a Mason early in life, of which honorable body he was a member at his death.

Prior to the Fenian Raid of 1866, Captain Cottingham organized an independent infantry company in Omeme, which company was subsequently attached to the 46th Battalion under command of Lieutenant Col. Cubitt, with headquarters at Bowmanville. He graduated from the military school at Toronto, and from that time was intimately connected with the militia of Canada. During the half-breed rebellion of 1885 he was captain in charge of the Kildonan Company, Winnipeg. He also took a deep interest in municipal and school affairs, being for some years Reeve of Omeme, serving in the County Council and on the School Board of the community. The deceased removed from his home in Omeme to Chicago, where he engaged in railway business. From there he went to Winnipeg in the interests of the Chicago and Rock Island Railway, leaving his service to accept a position in the Dominion Lands office, where, by his courtesy, he made himself a favorite with all having business in the office. He was subsequently transferred to Minnesota, where he received from the late Hon. T. Mayne Daly the appointment of Dominion Lands Agent, which position he has since filled at Lethbridge and at Red Deer until the time of his death. He has proved himself a competent official, always attentive to business and exceedingly courteous. The late Captain was an ardent sportsman. He organized the Red Deer Gun Club, of which he was Honorable President for many years.

He was an expert angler, and was the possessor of having the government stocked Sylvan Lake with black bass. He also took an active part in organizing the Old Timers' Association of Red Deer and vicinity, of which he was the President, and took an active part also in the organization of the Red Deer Social Club, being President for a number of years.

The deceased gentleman married Laura R. Jones, daughter of the late William Henry Jones, M.A., rector of Grace Church, Toronto. Their family consisted of two daughters, Maud, wife of Horace F. Forrest, of Winnipeg, Florence, being at home, and W. H. P. Cottingham, their only son, who died in April, 1911.

The funeral of the late Captain W. H. Cottingham took place yesterday afternoon from his home on Gaetz Avenue, and was a very impressive one. He was buried with Masonic rites, carried out by Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and attended by a large number of members of Lodge No. 12 and visiting members of Masonic lodges from Lacombe and Innisfail. The members of the Order formed up outside the lodge room, under the guidance of Past Master Bro. W. T. Coote and marched to the residence of the deceased, where the remains lay. The body was escorted from there to St. Luke's Church, where the first part of the service for the burial of the dead was conducted by Archdeacon Dewdney in a very impressive manner. The church choir were in attendance, and the singing of the hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" was beautifully rendered as this part of the service, the procession proceeded to the cemetery, where the Rev. C. W. G. Moore concluded the church service, after which Bro. T. T. Coote, assisted by Bro. J. F. Watson, read the beautiful Masonic service, after which the members returned to the lodge room and were dispersed. The chief mourners were Mrs. Cottingham, the deceased's widow, Miss F. Cottingham, the deceased's daughter, and J. J. J.

left, cousin of Edmonton. The staff of the Red Deer Dominion Lands Office were present to pay a last tribute to the long time head of the office, and Inspector J. W. Martin, of Calgary, Geo. McMorris, of Stettler, and P. L. Grass, Innisfail, were also present, as well as a number of old timers of the district. The coffin was covered with a beautiful array of wreaths and crosses from the family, relatives and friends as follows:

Mrs. and Miss F. Cottingham, weath; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Winnipeg, spray; Mr. and Mrs. Stutson, Montreal, weath; Masonic Lodges, Kenilworth and No. 12, star emblem; Red Deer Club, weath; Guy Club, weath; Curling Club, weath; Dominion Lands Office staff, anchor; Manager and staff of Merchants Bank, weath; Parish Hall Committee, spray; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, Calgary, weath; W. B. Gray, Stettler, cross; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Welliver, spray; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, weath; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore, weath; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stent and family, cross; Mr. C. A. Cowell, weath; Kam Kee, spray. H. G. Stone was the funeral director.

Death of Mrs. Ira J. Crittenden

News was received in Red Deer on Monday night of the death of Mrs. Ira J. Crittenden of Medicine Hat. The deceased, who was only forty-one years of age, died of pneumonia at her home, Mrs. James Mann, sister of the deceased, left Red Deer on Monday night for Medicine Hat, not knowing her critical condition, and would not arrive till yesterday morning, too late to see her sister alive. The deceased, who was well known in Red Deer, was the eldest daughter of the late J. A. Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson of Lethbridge, Ont., and sister to A. T. Stephenson, W. J. Stephenson and Mrs. James Mann of Red Deer, another brother, E. J. Stephenson, residing in Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. E. W. Davies, in Vancouver, where her mother is also at the present time. She leaves behind, besides her husband, four young children. The body is being brought to Red Deer for interment, and the funeral will take place today from Stone's undertaking parlour.

Death of Mrs. E. V. Wakelin

E. V. Wakelin, accountant of the Northern Crown Bank, will have the sincere sympathy of his many friends in Red Deer owing to the death of his wife, Mrs. Wakelin, late of Vancouver, who had been ill for a few days previous, had rallied considerably and appeared to be improving, but had a relapse, and died rather unexpectedly. Mr. Wakelin was only married a few days before taking up his appointment in Red Deer, and during their short married life Mrs. Wakelin had made a host of friends. Mr. Wakelin's mother arrived in Red Deer on Wednesday from Vancouver. The body was shipped to Vancouver by H. G. Stone, funeral undertaker, on Saturday. Mr. Wakelin and his mother accompanied it. The Northern Crown Bank staff have been sorely bereaved of late. In addition to Mr. Wakelin's loss, Mr. Corbett, the late teller, lost his sister, and Mr. Colvin his mother.

Death of Mrs. Petterson

Mrs. A. C. Petterson, of West Park, Red Deer, died at 10.30, Thursday, at the age of forty-seven years. Mrs. Petterson had not been well since an attack of typhoid fever three years ago, and latterly the end was only a question of time. She and her husband came to Red Deer from Ramsdale, Sweden, twenty years ago, and were among the early settlers of this district. Not long after the death of her husband, some nine years ago, at the farm, two miles south of Red Deer, Mrs. Petterson moved to Red Deer with her girls, and has since resided on the hill to the west, with the exception of time spent homesteading at Bratara. Mrs. Petterson was a Swedish Lutheran by church connection, but the family attended the Baptist church. She leaves seven girls, the youngest aged nine years, who will have sincere sympathy in their great loss.

She was a woman of sterling character. Her influence over her children was for the best, and she always instilled them to the highest ideals of life. Her sunny disposition and kindness of manner won for her the love of all who knew her. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place from the family residence in West Park on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The interment was at East Lake cemetery, where her husband is also buried. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Bennett.

Christmas services at St. Luke's church will be: Early communion at 8 o'clock, regular services at 11 o'clock, followed by Holy Communion.

N. White

Auctioneer



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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THE COST OF LIVING.

A dispatch informs us that England is complaining this Christmas of the increased cost of living. Money, happily, is abundant, but everything is dearer, from beef to almonds and raisins.

Experts say the rise in prices has only begun. They talk of butter at two shillings and beef at half a crown a pound. They attribute the cause to increased world demand, rising in the standard of living or the continent of Europe, and to the changed position of the United States, which from a food exporter has become an importer.

This does not look as though free trade would be the panacea for all the ills of high cost of living. Sir Wilfrid and his friends will have to try some other plan to dethrone Mr. Borden from the "seats of this mighty."

Again you will notice the United States is becoming an importer. This means she will want our goods and will pay a higher price for same. But the point is just here, how will Sir Wilfrid reduce the cost of living by compelling us to pay a higher price for what we have to eat?

TREAT ALL ALIKE.

A young man named Foote, a former police clerk at Calgary, stole a considerable sum of money recently from the police department, and when the attorney-general's department let the young man off, Mayor Sinnott took a hand in the matter and strongly condemned the department, and he was justified in doing so. If the young clerk had few friends, and was poor and hungry, he would have been sent up without a moment's hesitation.

The Deputy Attorney-General, Mr. Cleary, speaking on the matter, said:

"I will take the responsibility for the dropping of the charge against Foote; I think the ends of justice were served by the course taken. Foote admitted the charge against him, made restitution for the money which he had taken from the police court office and expressed his intention of mending his ways. He suffered considerable humiliation, and I feel that the wise course was taken in withdrawing the charge against Foote, who is little more than a boy, and giving him the opportunity of making amends for the error. To put him in the penitentiary would have meant his ruin, whereas he now has an opportunity to go the straight and narrow path and use his talents and training in the proper direction."

The Calgary Western Standard, speaking on the matter, says:

"This is the biggest amount of bunk we have heard a public official get off for some time. Why not treat all alike? If an official of the attorney-general's department can be given a free hand in letting a man go who confesses to a criminal charge, where are we coming to?"

The writer knows of a very decent chap who was hungry last winter and was a party to eating some groceries that were stolen and taken to a shack in East Calgary, where he lived. He is now doing three years in Edmonton. No one stepped in and got him off. Such is life; and yet we are not allowed to swear in print."

ANOTHER TAX ON THE PEOPLE.

New regulations governing subdivisions are to be enforced in Alberta after the first of the year. These will provide, among other things, that five per cent. of every subdivision, in no case less than two acres, must be transferred to the crown, as represented by the Alberta government. Also that a fee of \$1.50 must be paid on every lot, in addition to the fifty cents required by the land titles office for registering each lot. As there are about 1,500 lots in the average quarter-section subdivision, and as it is quite likely that hundreds of quarter-sections will be subdivided every year, it will be recognized that the provincial government is preparing to fatten its bank account very considerably.

The realty men are not kicking so much over the five per cent. land levy, as they see how this can be

turned into an advantage for themselves if the government uses this expropriated property for parks purposes, but they assert vigorously that the \$2.00 a lot fee is extortionate and charge that the scheme was designed simply to financially help the government at the expense of the realty operators.

Sport Notes

The provincial swimming meet at Calgary the end of this month looked like being confined to swimmers of the south, owing to misunderstandings between Edmonton and Calgary, but once again the Rev. Robt. Pearson appears with common sense counsel and advice, and a firm hand, and the break is healed. Sport owes a lot to Bob Pearson and his kind.

There is every probability that the local breeder will have a team out against them in the football match on Christmas Day that are not afraid of the result. You had better see the game.

The American Trotting Association have made some new rules that will tend towards better racing in the future. Record time in a single heat at a trotting race will not count unless the horse wins the race, and no horse can advance to a higher class without winning a race.

Messrs. Smith and Proctor, owners of the great pacer, Grand Opera, have succeeded in incorporating the Queen City Riding and Jockey Club for the purpose of buying land, and building a race track and having Toronto included in the grand circuit.

Oxford University Canadian hockey team defeated the Princess Ice Hockey Club by 7 to 1 on December 17th.

Del Irwin, of last year's Winnipeg Monarch team, is reported as joining the Moose Jaw team.

Eight skating and hockey rinks are made and ready for use in Calgary, in addition to about twenty rinks at the schools, and separate rinks for children in the parks.

The Alberta Association bonspiel will be held at Victoria Park, Calgary, on January 14th.

The Hamilton Tigers have proved themselves this season to be the greatest hockey organization in the annals of the Canadian game, and are justly claimed as the Canadian champions, and Hamilton is styled the home of champions.

The Herald road race will be run on Christmas morning at 11.30 under the sanction of the A. A. A. Union.

Packey McFarland has been suspended by the Wisconsin Boxing Commission. The reason given is that he did not give a satisfactory performance in his bout with Jack Briton on December 8th.

Arthur Pakley, of Calgary, and Gus Smith met for the world's heavyweight boxing championship on New Year's Day.

Joe Bayley and Owen Moran meet in a lightweight bout at Stevenson, B.C., on January 9th.

Sylvan Lake

The Christmas tree entertainment given to the children of Sylvan Lake school and their parents and friends, on Tuesday, 23rd, inst., was a great success. A. A. Godden took the chair, and managed the evening in a style. The ladies had been working very hard to make this event a

success, and are to be congratulated on the good results of their labor. A very large Christmas tree had been obtained, and the presents, which had been sent to the committee by Santa Claus from Iceland, were exceptionally good. A piano was lent for the occasion by Mr. Bergstrom and chairs by Alex. Loisele, in fact everyone in the village helped to give the children a pleasant evening.

The Sylvan Lake Hotel is now being run for C. J. Ratter by Mr. Prentiss, vice Mr. Bellontien resigned.

Extensive alterations are being made at the Alexandra Hotel to meet the requirements of the licensees. Amongst others a very fine bar is being fitted, so that the comfort of future visitors to the Lake may be properly catered for. The C.P.R. construction train is "resting" on one hill at the foot of the village. Many of the men went on the ice on Sunday last, giving quite an animated appearance to the Lake.

Some interest is being evinced in the approaching election of a school guardian in the place of Mr. Armistead, who is retiring, and in the election for the Road Improvements Board. The former appeal to the voters promises some lively episodes. Mr. Grimson, our well esteemed hardware merchant (late Chairman of the Village Council) is mentioned as a likely candidate.

Mr. Henry Rousseau has left the lake on a visit to the east, rumor says to play hockey. Mr. Gus Mitchell has purchased the motor boat "Kodak" from Messrs. Archambault and intends refitting her.

It is supposed to give a concert about the second week in January to clear off the deficit on the regatta.

Pitcox and District News

Miss Winifred Huskins returned this week from a visit to Red Deer, where she was the guest of Mrs. A. Cave.

Skating parties and hockey games are now the order of the day (or night) on the lake north of the Pitcox store.

Mr. Buckle returned to his home-stead this week after being away most of the winter.

W. Huskins was away to Red Deer this week for a load of Singer sewing machines. This is the second visit this month for the same purpose. Mr. E. Buckingham returned with him for a lengthy visit.

There has been quite a lot of vandalism and looting of vacant homesteads here for quite a time now. The police have been informed, and we believe they will put their hand on the guilty party in a short time. Anyone would think there was quite a lot of building going on judging by the number of doors and windows that have been stolen of late.

There has been quite a lot of farm property changing hands lately. News of the steel on the A.C.R. being laid has revived hope. This is a grand mixed farming district, and a market is all that is needed to make it one of the best in Alberta.

There have been a lot of hunters disappointed this year. Deer and moose are plentiful north of here, but want of snow has made it difficult to approach them. Mr. Grant Hicks and a friend were successful in shooting three brown bears, and Mr. Hicks, senior, got a splendid moose, but take the season as a whole it has been disappointing on account of want of snow.

Mr. W. Whittle and Alban Olebery are building a house and two barns for Mr. Homer, of Red Deer, who has taken up Mr. W. Thatcher's homestead south of here. Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Wright, east of here, were away to Red Deer on a business trip this week. One of our leading Liberals south of here was telling the tale this week of how they were going to put Mr. Sifton out of office and put in Mr. Welliver as premier. What's the

idea? Is he a fool, or does he think we are easy, or has he just got mixed up and means Mr. Michener; or does he know what he is talking about at all?

W. Huskins has been keeping the Rocky Mountain House store well supplied with eggs, butter, poultry, etc., the last few weeks.

Annual Meeting of Alberta Rugby Union in Red Deer

The annual meeting of the Alberta Rugby Union was held in Red Deer on Friday afternoon, December 19th. The meeting started just about one o'clock, with a good representation of delegates present, and lasted till after six o'clock, when an adjournment was made till Saturday, at Regina, when the Western Canada Union meet.

Joe Price, the energetic Secretary, read a very lengthy report dealing with the games and all matters of importance that had taken place this season, in both senior and intermediate divisions, and making recommendations that will certainly be for the good of the game. The constitution was thoroughly gone over, and many changes made. The question that took up so much time, however, and had to be postponed, was the one of the changing of the playing rules. This question was discussed very thoroughly, and it appears very much as if drastic changes will be made before the opening of next season.

Delegates were appointed to bring in recommendations to the head body. The election of officers brought out speeches of warm tribute to Rev. Robt. Pearson for his services to rugby and sport in general, and he was elected President without opposition. Dr. Mason was elected Vice-President, Joe Price, Secretary-Treasurer, and Messrs. Pearson and White delegates.

The following changes were recommended:

1. To do away with the two side scrummagers.
2. To put the ball into play by the snap-back system.
3. In the opinion of the delegates that the present three-yard rule be substituted by a rule which will protect the halves and be more easily interpreted.
4. To abolish the dead ball line and the scoring of a point here by the attacking side. If kicked by the defending team it will count as a score. The ball is to be brought back and put into play under the same conditions as it was kicked. If it is brought back twice it will be scrimmaged by the defending team.

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Christmas Legends

AROUND the season of the Coming of Love as a little Child there have sprung legends and beliefs, like blossoms in a gracious clime, which testify with subtlety to the depth of the appeal of the birth of Christ. Here divinely spiritual symbolism and there sweet human tenderness and pathos appear, and, blended, they evidence the world's belief that this was both Son of Man and Son of God.

An Irish legend tells that, on Christmas eve, the Christ-Child wanders out in the darkness and cold, and the peasants still put lighted candles in their windows to guide the sacred little feet, that they may not stumble on their way to their homes. And in Hungary the people go yet further in their tenderness for the Child, they spread feasts and leave their doors open that He may enter at His will, while throughout Christendom there is a belief that no evil can touch any child who is born on Christmas eve.

The legend which tells how the very day which lined the manger in which the Holy Babe was laid put forth living red blossoms at midwinter at the touch of the Babe's body could only have arisen from belief in the renewal of life through the Lord of Life.

The Holy Thorn.

It is not so many centuries ago since there was that holy thorn at Glastonbury which blossomed every Christmas, and, so ran the legend, had done ever since St. Joseph of Arimathea, having come as apostle to Britain, and landing at Glastonbury, had stuck his staff of dry hawthorn into the soil, commanding it to put forth leaves and blossoms. This the staff straightway did, and thereby was the king converted to the Christian faith, the faith which preached life from death.

The holy thorn of Glastonbury flourished during the centuries until the advent of the Babe had certainly meant more to the common people than merely a time for feasting and revelry, for giving and receiving; it had been also a season for holy observances, for they refused to go to church on New Christmas day, the holy thorn not being then in blossom. So serious became the trouble that the clergy found it prudent to announce that Old Christmas day should also be kept sacred as before. Only another story of men's weak, superstitious minds? True, perhaps; but they are better who evidence some spiritual weakness than those who wallow in the wholly material, and when we cease to be careful of the cup and the platter, we become not over careful of their contents.

In these days the anniversary of the advent of the Babe had certainly meant more to the common people than merely a time for feasting and revelry, for giving and receiving; it had been also a season for holy observances, for they refused to go to church on New Christmas day, the holy thorn not being then in blossom. So serious became the trouble that the clergy found it prudent to announce that Old Christmas day should also be kept sacred as before. Only another story of men's weak, superstitious minds? True, perhaps; but they are better who evidence some spiritual weakness than those who wallow in the wholly material, and when we cease to be careful of the cup and the platter, we become not over careful of their contents.

The Christmas Rose.

NOTHING of those spiritual parallels is the legend of the Christmas rose, and it tells how good things, fit for giving, spring up ready to the hand which earnestly desires to give to the Child. It is said that a certain maiden of Bethlehem was so poor that she had nothing to give to the Babe to whom kings brought wealth from afar, and as she stood, longing and mourning, and angel appeared to her, saying: "Look at thy feet, beneath the snow," and lo! on obeying the angel's bidding that a new flower had miraculously sprung up and blossomed at her feet. Every since then, runs this story, this exquisite flower, with its snowy petals just touched by suggestions of pinkish bloom, is to be found at this season; and, indeed, its half-opened cups are like chalices of love, and its fully spread petals are like a happy innocence, fit symbols for the gifts for the Babe of spotless Innocence, whose heart was the vessel of love.

Christmas Eve Legends.

HERE are several exceedingly touching legends concerning bells, which are heard ringing from buried cities and villages at this season. One belongs to a village near Raleigh, in Nottinghamshire, and the story runs that once, where there is now a valley, there was a village which, with every trace of life and habitation, had been swallowed by an earthquake; but ever since, at Christmas the bells of the buried church are heard to ring as of old.

A similar legend is told of Preston, in Lancashire, and yet another, and more moving one comes from the Netherlands. It is said that the city of Boen was notorious for its black and shameless trade in slaves, and was renowned for its beauty and magnificence. To the Sodom of the middle ages came our Savior on one anniversary of his birth, and went as a beggar from door to door, but not in all that Christmas keeping city gave the Master of the abundance. Sin he saw rampant on every side, but not

Correspondence

Red Deer, Dec. 18th, 1913.

Dear Editor and readers of The News.—I beg to call your attention to the following facts concerning the treatment I have received from the police force, Red Deer, and which I consider it my duty to let the public know about.

Coming back home the other morning from a trip out to a slough, I was in a trap in a bag. I was within a few feet of my home when two policemen rushed up and grabbed hold of me, one of each arm, and then they said: "What have you been doing round town in the middle of the night? What business have you got to go out round town at 4 o'clock and come back at half past 8? What have you got in the sack?" I told them what I had been doing and showed them the sack. One of them ran his hand in and took out one trap. During all this they held me tight, and were pulling, twisting and feeling me. I told them several times to either take me home or let me go, because I was awful sick of whiskey, which I don't drink came out of the frozen ground, almost made me sick. What is that big bunch in front under your coat, Mr. Robertson? He then carried me back, and he ran his hand under my overcoat. I will admit, because I have not been doing much hard work for some months, that I gained about ten pounds in flesh. I likely that what accounted for "that big bunch in front." Well, after a while we started for jail. Mr. Robertson carrying my traps. Coming up here, they again searched me, and after ten or fifteen minutes I could go. When I left I told Mr. Robertson to take my traps back where he got them. He has not seen fit to do so, and they are still up there.

About four months ago, when I was residing on Gaetz Ave. N. I had been over to the city fountain one morning early after a bucket of water, and was getting ready to go to bed again when I heard someone knocking on the door. Thinking it was just some drunk, I said nothing, but when I heard them knock a third time, I opened the door. I looked out and saw a man with citizen's clothes on outside the window, but the one at the door I could not see. I again heard the gruff voice, "open the door." I asked, "What do you want?" "I want you," was the answer. I told them to keep away and leave me alone. "How can I keep away?" he answered. "I didn't know what to do. I couldn't think it was anything but a hold-up. I heard him go round and hammer on my bedroom window and also on the door of the back room, which was occupied by another party. By this time I had my gun ready, and I fired a shot in the air and draw the door. I could see a man in a window blind, and there, outside, stood a policeman. I never was so astonished in all my life. "Why did you shoot at me?" he asked. "I was a policeman, and I would have opened the door right away; not because I had to, but because I would have opened it anyway. I didn't try to come inside. "What were you doing round town so early in the morning?" he asked. "It is none of your business," I answered. It is a grave insult for any policeman to ask such a question of a peaceful citizen that he knows because he came into my bedroom a few nights before and told me my front door wasn't locked. I thanked him for telling me so. Furthermore, if he had seen me at all on the street, he must have seen I carried a bucket of water in my hand. In fact, he had seen me several times before. "Why didn't you ask me?" he said. "I was threatened me with all kinds of trouble if I went round town in the middle of the night" without his permission. I asked him his name. "Alexander Robertson," he said. About 10 o'clock the same forenoon the Chief of Police came right into my bedroom where I was working at my trade, and asked "Did you want to see me?" "No, sir," I said, "who told you?" Well, the night man had told him I was going to make complaint to the Chief. "Well, I said if he didn't leave me alone, I would make complaint against him, but never said whom I was going to complain to." Then he asked "What were you doing?" I said "I was doing my trade." "I have never been there," I said. Well, the night man had told him I was. "I don't care what the night man says. I have never been there." Twice he asked me the same insulting question, then I said "Any man who says I was in the back yard of Lowes' store is a liar." I will say the same thing before any court or council in Canada. Why, I have never even been there, much less about Mr. Lowes' back yard before the Chief started to talk to me about it. He also said fit to ask me about my things round town the night before. "That is nobody's business," I said. He then got on the high horse, and asked in an insulting tone, like an old country army officer would ask

a common soldier, "I want you to understand I will stand no bluffing. I asked a civil question and I want a civil answer." Well, any man with common sense will admit my answer was much more civil than his question. Why is it a very mean insult for any policeman to come into a man's private room, and ask a business man whom he knows, "What were you doing on the streets in the middle of last night?" Why, my only crime is that I attend strictly to my own business, never bother anybody, and have to work hard for a living. When the Chief asked he could not get me to answer the question in any other way, he said something about that is what a man gets for giving protection. A fine protection, indeed, to ask insulting questions. And suppose I had fired the shot through the door when Mr. Robertson stood there, and had killed him, the chances are almost 999 to 1 I would have been hung, and it would have been all his fault. How would you, dear editor, or any other respectable man or woman in this district, like to be treated by the police in such a mean and insulting manner as I have been? Why, such treatment is enough to make any man with self-respect a criminal or send him to the insane asylum. Thinking of the disgrace and hoping you will let me come again if I should so desire.

At the investigation in the Mayor's office concerning my complaint about the police force, the Commissioners and three policemen told me I had violated the law by trapping muskrats without a license. I hereby declare a resident does not need a license.

Yours very truly,
JAMES C. SORESENSEN.
Red Deer, Alta.

Correspondence

To the Editor of The News.

SIR.—I crave space in your paper to make it known throughout the constituency of Red Deer what cause the bad roads in certain districts. Our respected M. P., Mr. Michener, is generally blamed for lack of interest in the district in which I refer, but where investigation is made, and an explanation is made also, it is quite clear who is the guilty party. I am aware that a petition from a certain district was forwarded to Edmonton to Mr. Michener, asking some help for a certain piece of road. The government road inspector went over the road, and afterwards in due time the necessary amount was granted. Others in that district had in view other pieces of road which, according to the inspector's report, would cost twice the amount necessary for the other road. The road for which the money was granted is convenient to the whole district, but the other road is only convenient to a few Liberals and Socialists. When these parties hear that a grant of a few hundred dollars was made by Parliament, after a great struggle by Mr. Michener, they petitioned Parliament saying that no money was required this year for that road. Consequently, the money was returned to the government's purse again; so, through spite, ignorance or other cause of the party referred to, the district is without an accessible road, and all the blame is laid on the shoulders of Mr. Michener.

It is a sure thing that members of Parliament are blamed very often when the people themselves are putting all the possible obstacles in their way to make the constituency a prosperous one.

Yours truly,
"JUSTICE."

Police Court News

Before Justice Wallace, Thursday, December 18th, W. Gordon Lane, late manager of the Alberta Hotel, sued the Calgary Brewing and Malting Co. for wrongful dismissal and refusal to pay wages. A number of witnesses were brought into court in connection with this case, including two late managers of the hotel, Jesse Button and P. Callan, of the Crow's Nest, and two local trades men, G. W. Greene, appearing for the complainant, asked to be allowed to withdraw the case, the magistrate eventually agreed to this, ordering the plaintiff to pay the costs. The Brewery Company had not red a counter claim against Mr. Lane, and asked to proceed with the case. Mr. Lane, and asked to proceed with the case. Mr. Lane, and asked to proceed with the case. Mr. Lane, and asked to proceed with the case.

Red Deer Gun Club Have Friendly Shoot

A number of the members of the Red Deer Gun Club and a few friends had a very pleasant extra shoot on Thursday afternoon last. The shooting considering there has not been any going on so lately, was exceedingly good, the following members showing up well: Fred Lund, highest score 25, total 88; Vic Day, highest score 23, total 81; Mr. Walker, highest score 21, total 81; Mr. Hyde, highest score 23, total 80. Messrs. Nesbitt, Ware and Barto were also close up.

Sons of England

Announcement!

All members of the Sons of England Benefit Society and their friends are welcome at the dance on New Year's Eve, with or without invitation through post.

Judicial Sale of Farm Lands Near Markerville

PURSUANT to the judgment and final order for sale herein, "Action No. 6702," there will be sold with the approbation of the Judge or Master of the Supreme Court of Alberta, by N. WHITE, Esq., Auctioneer, at the Court House, at the Town of Red Deer, Alberta, on SATURDAY, the THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, 1914, at TWELVE o'clock noon.

THE NORTH EAST QUARTER of 28-36-2, West of the Fifth Meridian, subject to the reservations and conditions contained in the original grant from the Crown or in the existing certificate of title.

The vendor is informed that this is a splendid quarter, situated about two miles from Markerville, P. O. at which point there is a school, church, blacksmith shop, general stores and creamery. The land is slightly rolling, about thirty acres broken, about 60 acres poplar and brush, and the balance is open prairie. There are improvements consisting of log house and wire fence around the whole quarter. The property is offered for sale subject to a reserve bid, which has been fixed by a Judge. The purchaser is required to pay 10 per cent. of the purchase price at the time of sale, and the balance within sixty days thereafter, without interest, in full to the credit of this action.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of the sale will be the standard conditions of the SUPREME COURT OF ALBERTA, as approved by the Master.

Further particulars may be had from the vendor's solicitors, EWING & HARTVE, Edmonton, Alberta, or Messrs. GREENE & FAYNE, Barristers, Red Deer.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1913.

(Sgd.) ALEX. TAYLOR, Clerk of the Court

Dec. 17, 3w.

PUBLIC NOTICE!

PUBLIC NOTICE is herewith directed to the withdrawal from sale on the 24th instant, at the office of the Dominion Timber Agent at Calgary of the following described timber berths, situated in the Province of Alberta:

Timber Berth No. 1788, situated in the Province of Alberta and comprising Sections 33 and 34, in township 40; Section 4, and the West half of Section 3, in Township 11, Range 9, West of the 5th Meridian, containing an area of 3.54 square miles, more or less.

Timber Berth No. 1914, situated in the Province of Alberta, and comprising the North half of Section 19, and all of Section 30, in Township 42, Range 6, West of the 5th Meridian, containing an area of 1.50 square miles.

B. L. YORK, Controller, Timber and Grazing Lands Branch, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, December 11th, 1913.

-5261. Dec. 24, 1w.

TENDERS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this Department up to noon, on Tuesday, 6th January, 1914, for the delivery of Indian supplies during the fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1915.

Forms of tender containing full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority of the Department will not be paid.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT, Deputy Superintendent, General of Indian Affairs, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont., December 1st, 1913.

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Columbia Graphonolas and Records for Xmas

No matter where you meet the Red Deer girls or boys, they are always clear when it comes to sports. The V.W.C.A. girls of Calgary challenged Trinity girls to a basketball game a week ago Friday night. Trinity were rather shy, but five of the Red Deer girls, in the persons of Gladys and Jennie Trimble, who are attending college Florence Greening and Edith McKinnon, who were attending Normal and Mrs. Amy Prout, took up the gauntlet and waded into those V.W.C.A. girls until there was nothing left of them. They counted thirty-two to three in their favor, and then, when they grew dizzy, the stopped counting. When they got through with the Calgary girls, they were a very crestfallen bunch of young ladies. Hurrah for Red Deer girls.

At the Red Deer Memorial Hospital Thursday, December 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Burke, a daughter.

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Mrs. George A. Madden will receive the first Friday in the month.

W. Towers left yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with friends in the south.

On Sunday first the Rev. J. Bennett will give a service in Shady Nook school at 3 o'clock.

The children had a great time at the Empress Theatre on Saturday last among the candles, etc.

Peter Clalland left Monday for Liverpool via New York. He will sail on the S.S. Campania.

The Lyric Theatre are showing first class pictures every night at the usual price of 15c and 10c.

Harold J. Snell, the jeweller, is prepared for the last minute rush. The best stock of Christmas gifts.

Fred Hokey was successful in passing his preliminary in the railway mail service examinations of the civil service.

Red Deer was the meeting place on Friday last of some of the best sports in the province, headed by Rev. "Bob" Pearson.

You can spend an enjoyable hour on Christmas eve watching the Firemen's football team get a kicking from a picked city team. At least we are told so.

W. H. Bagot, of High River, is relieving at the Northern Crown Hotel in the absence of Mr. Wakelin through the death of his wife.

One million and a half of letters from the Old Country were received in Montreal on Saturday and Sunday last for distribution through the west.

Rev. John Linton, of San Pedro, Argentina, South America, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Gaetz.

Mr. Linton has been seven years in the ministry to the Indians of that district.

Mayor-elect Carscallen has been summoned east to Ontario in connection with important business.

He hopes to be back for the first regular meeting of Council in 1914.

Mrs. Hugh Clarke received a wire from Mr. Clark on Saturday announcing the death of his father that day at Cobourg.

Mr. Clark was some time owing to his father's illness.

Cecil Henderson and the Osborne brothers have been very successful trapping near Pine Lake. Their bag consists of 1,000 muskrats, 15 weasels, and 6 coyotes, caught with 72 traps since November 1st.

A. Durand, of Pine Lake, has purchased, through Fred Lund, the Butler house on 2nd St. South. Mr. Lund also sold last week the McCormick house in North Red Deer to D. Linn, and some lots to Gordon Hall.

There are a number of men sitting in the night at the Dominion Office steps waiting for home-stays, if the officials in charge could allow them inside at night they would be doing an act of kindness which would not readily be forgotten.

T. H. McLaughlin, formerly teller at the Merchants Bank, Red Deer, who was removed a short time ago to Calgary, is back again at the Red Deer branch, having been promoted to the position of accountant.

Mr. H. Andrich has been transferred to Maple Creek.

W. E. Youmans, of St. Thomas, uncle of J. A. Youmans, of Red Deer, died at a prominent church, insurance and fraternal societies man, passed to his last home on Friday, December 12th.

Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the heroic apostle of temperance, was his step mother. He was 72 years of age.

Fred Woodmansee and wife, of Evans, left for Ohio, U.S.A., on Saturday last. Mr. Woodmansee has been farming in the Evans district for quite a number of years, and has been very successful. He has now leased his farm and with his family is taking a well earned holiday among relatives and friends.

He will be welcomed back whenever he feels disposed to come.

Mrs. Bernard, of Calgary, mother of Mrs. D. George, was in Edmonton on Wednesday last assisting in the installation of officers of the W. A. in new degrees. She was presented by a little girl with a \$5 gold piece for her favorite charity.

She stayed over at Red Deer on her way home on Friday and addressed the W. A. of St. Luke's, afterward being entertained with the members of the W. A. to tea by Mrs. Stant.

Rev. W. G. Brown returned from Toronto a few days ago, where he has been in attendance at the meeting of the Church Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church.

The motion which he seconded, discounting negotiations for union, was voted down, but before further church union proceedings are taken a survey of the whole Canadian field will be made. This has been agreed to by the representatives of the other churches.

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The Cinderella dances will be discontinued until further notice.

The post office officials receive numerous enquiries about Christmas puddings.

Remember the Scotch concert on the 23rd of January next, "A Night in Burns."

The S.O.E. dance on Wednesday December 31st, promises to be a first class affair.

Harry Evans is home for the Christmas holidays from Normal School, Calgary.

Norah George returned on Saturday last from St. Hilda's College, Calgary, for the Christmas holidays.

Percy Smith arrived in the city from Mount Royal College, Calgary, last week, to spend Christmas with his parents.

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Business Locals

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Why not an Edison phonograph for Christmas?—H. H. Hummer.

A good organ for sale at a reasonable price at H. H. Hummer's.

All toys and novelties reduced 20 per cent. till New Year's Day at Brax's.

Cooper, the clothes presser and cleaner, wishes every citizen the compliments of the season, and thanks them for their patronage.

Chums, Xmas cards, bells, garlands, candles and tinsel at John McVicar's bookstore. Popular edition of The Poets; padded soft morocco, \$1.25.

Alberta Amateur Hockey Ass'n Meets in Red Deer

The executive of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association met in Red Deer on Friday last. The meeting was well attended, and a vast amount of business gone through. There are now some thirty teams connected with the association.

Ten of these will be playing in the senior series, and the other twenty in the intermediate series. Schedules were fixed, and the first game in the senior divisions will take place on Christmas Day at Edmonton between the South Side Athletics and Pennants. The schedule for the Red Deer, Okotoks, and Medicine Hat districts were left over till some matters of detail could be attended to.

Anthony MacKinnon brought in a motion that will, in the future, prevent players jumping from one team to another before the opening of the season. Provincial league contracts will be available on Oct. 1st, and a player once signing a contract will not be able to play for another team that season without the permission of the Association. Another matter of vital interest was the protection of the intermediate clubs. No senior club will be able to draft a player from an intermediate club during the playing season.

Store Decorations For Christmas

The citizens of Red Deer and district have probably never had such beautiful, tasteful and well stocked stores to choose from as has been the case this year. The merchants appear to have tried with each other in making the best show, and in addition to well stocked counters, the store windows generally have been made in a splendid manner, showing off the large variety of goods to perfection. The show has been so good and so general that one has had great difficulty in knowing how to choose. Quality as well as variety are very noticeable facts this year, and one has had no need to leave the city in search of Christmas presents.

The stores have remained open each night this week, and business appears to have been brisk for the past few weeks.

Twelve Months Credit Auction Sale

Having instructions from Mr. R. L. Hardman, I will sell at his residence, being the S.E. 34-36-27, West 5th, 8 miles south and 2 miles east of Red Deer, four and a half miles east of Penhold, the John Carswell place, on "161" '06 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 '25 '26 '27 '28 '29 '30 '31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 '49 '50 '51 '52 '53 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69 '70 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 '25 '26 '27 '28 '29 '30 '31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 '49 '50 '51 '52 '53 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69 '70 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 '25 '26 '27 '28 '29 '30 '31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 '49 '50 '51 '52 '53 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69 '70 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 '25 '26 '27 '28 '29 '30 '31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 '49 '50 '51 '52 '53 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69 '70 '71 '72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83 '84 '85 '86 '87 '88 '89 '90 '91 '92 '93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19 '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 '25 '26 '27 '28 '29 '30 '31 '32 '33 '34 '35 '36 '37 '38 '39 '40 '41 '42 '43 '44 '45 '46 '47 '48 '49 '50 '51 '52 '53 '54 '55 '56 '57 '58 '59 '60 '61 '62 '63 '64 '65 '66 '67 '68 '69 '

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Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at an agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of the homesteader. Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live on the land, or on a homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister. In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may preempt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties.—Six months' residence upon the homestead or preemption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra. A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a preemption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

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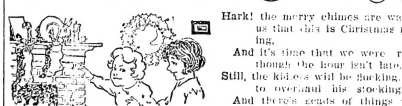
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Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

The Joys of Christmas Time

By Kennett Harris



Mark! the merry chiming are warning us that this is Christmas morning. And it's true that we were rising, though the hour isn't late. Still, the kids will be knocking, and to avoid the shouting, let us get up some last Christmas feeling. Fill ourselves with sweet emotions that are not quite so sad and dried. True, the minutes fast are going, but, consummation, let us make the most of them.

Think of those long weeks of waiting, all the glad anticipation of the gay and festive season that at last, at last is here. Never resting, never stopping in our mad career of shopping. Searching over the heap, not too cheap and not too dear. Crushed and elated by the seeking, the finding, the buying, the giving. Just the very thing of all things that their loved ones most desired. Lamp and dragged then emerging from the pushing, struggling, jangling. Moth, with parcels overhead, reaching home at last, dog tired. These experiences may be best described as "most all-fired."

Yet no antiquated tale showed endurance more heroic. Than we manifested through the weary onset of that time. We have staid the stress of winter with the courage of a gladiator.

Now we find sweet consolation in the Christmas cheer. Whose clear, elastic, soft and mellow, seems to whisper to a fellow. That the worst is nearly over, that we soon may breathe again. Soon may find succor of sorrow, and that, maybe, by tomorrow. Or the next day, may be lifted something of this dismal strain. That a blessed sense of rest may soothe the tension of our brain.

We have done with haste and hurry, no occasion now to worry. Let some sensitive relation may have been spoiled or spoiled. All the lists of names are checked and all the walks with green are decked. And now within a few short hours the Christmas dinner will be cooked. Hail to Christmas! happy season! There is some substantial reason. To be glad at the beginning of the beginning of the beginning.

As thou comest wreathed with holly, we can certainly be jolly. Welcome thee with feast and wassail, and in general unkind. For we know that we have spent for these the last cent we can spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to the people who were bringing. An endless string of packages from morn to dewy eve. We no longer will be running to conceal those things with cunning. And we'll lose our wanted air of having something up our sleeve. There will be a deuced litter, where the gossamer gleam and glitter.

Of waste paper, string, and cotton, from the kitchen to the hall; But, with conscious chuckle, we will grow enthusiastic. And "wonder how they guessed," as on the dormer, necks we fall. Looking blissful over dewdrops that we didn't want at all.

Ah, this blessed thing of giving! It is half the joy of living. To watch the looks of gratitude and pleasure and surprise. That, at least to outward seeming, are upon loved faces beaming. As the loved one opens his parcel and dies on his ready ties. And the gentle wife and mother let cautioning him to snicker. When crowded by her husband, to some secret corner, where, As a proof of fond affection, he has hid from her detection. His gift to her, a cozy, cozy, well-upholstered chair. (Of whose comfort, in the future, you may bet he'll get his share).

Now this Christmas spirit moves us to sense that it belongs us. To keep liberty's bare platter and fill. Dignification's cup. Bring turk and pie and goodness to the homes of empty sadness! To help out sweet Christ's charity who would not leave us. But it's highly aggravating not to say exasperating. When we've given most nobly and without thought of stint. To find out, as we expected, that the modest are neglected. And our primary intention has been found to be in vain. (Certainly we didn't ask it, but a man might take a hint).

But away with sad reflection! This is no time for dejection. Merry Christmas, happy Christmas, as we would have come at last! All the many tribulations, all the trials and vexations. That have crowded thick upon us for the last six weeks, are past. Not a protest shall be uttered, though the house with toys is cluttered. And the kids are all parading their new toys and drum. Lusty lunge and lurching voling the extent of their rejoicing. We will have to stand the racket now that Christmas day is come. (Later tone our nervous system at some sanitarium).

Thank the Giver if we're able to sit round a well-spread table. Where the plump white-hosened turkey sheds its savor through the room. And pudding comes on smoking, and there's no end to the joking. And no heart that harbors malice and no mind overcast with gloom.

Let us be profoundly grateful that we have at least a platter. Grateful for the paper plates that correct our Christmas cheer: Hold it as among our ourselves if there's come left in our cups. Be thankful for those dear to us and those who hold us dear. (And most supremely thankful Christmas comes but once a year).

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